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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST: CASE OF SOUKUP FAMILY AND TREFNY

REF: NICOSIA 2095

1. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS RE EVACUATION/ONWARD TRAVEL OF SOUKUP FAMILY. WITH THE PROSPECT THAT WE MAY HAVE THEM WITH US FOR SOME TIME, COUPLED WITH THE ON-GOING TREFNY CASE, WE MUST REFOCUS ON THE PROBLEM OF COVERING DAILY EXPENSES OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. WHILE WE HAD HOPED TO WORK OUT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH WCC NICOSIA (WE UNDERSTOOD WE HAD BEIRUT WCC APPROVAL), ALL ATTEMPTS OVER PAST TWO WEEKS TO CONTACT NICOSIA WCC REP HAVE FAILED. WHILE WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN DAY LABOR EMPLOYMENT FOR SOUKUP PRIOR TO OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING, THERE NOW EXISTS A LARGE UNEMPLOYED GREEK/CYPRIOT LABOR FORCE AND IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND WORK FOR SOUKUP OR

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TREFNY.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY BEIRUT CONTACT WCC TO CONFIRM AUTHORIZATION TO COVER EXPENSES FOR SOUKUP AND TO SEEK SUCH AUTHORIZATION IN TREFNY BEHALF. ALSO REQUEST DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR SOUKUP/TREFNY LIVING EXPENSES IN EVENT WCC BEIRUT UNABLE COMPLY WITH REQUEST.

3. WE ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO EVACUATE SOUKUPS TO UK VIA RAF. IF WAIVER GRANTED WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SEND TREFNY VIA SAME ROUTE. IN INTERIM, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OTHER MEANS AVAILABLE TO GET THESE VERY WEARY PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY.

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